New Rochelle,

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To Alfred H Love,

Dear friend, thy very acceptable letter, paper, and pamphlets all came safe to hand, for which please accept my hearty thanks.

The subject of Peace is one that has long lain very near my Heart, and is one that I delight to contemplate upon.

It appears to me that pains and pealties have been tried long enough to convince the most orthodox beliver in the Old Mosaic Code:= that violence never has, nor never can,= eradicate evil from the mind of Man. On the other hand, instances are abundant that go to prove the power and omnipotence of Kindness, Gentleness, and Love, in protecting and preserving all those that have heartily embraced the Heavenly principles of Nonresistance,=

= as thee can experimentally testify.

William Penns justly celebrated treaty with the Indians, is another beautiful case in point; and is an everlasting Monument More enduring than Marble or Granite, of the All Conquering, All Controlling power of Love.

I am glad to see that the advocates of universal Peace perceive the necessity of taking higher ground than has yet been taken by any existing religious organization; not even excepting the Society of Friends, although they have taken the lead in this holy cause; but it must be admited that they, in common with every other sect of professing Christians, are firm believers in the utility and necessity of a Government based on the *Sword*, and *Claim* its *Protection*. *Peaceably if we can*, *Forcibly* if we *Must*, is the *Rallying* cry, and *Universal* *Watch* *Word* of all.

And in order to sustain their Theory, and justify their practice, George Fox is Summoned as a witness in their behalf.

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They say that he," George Fox
"Sometimes called upon the civil authoritys
"to interpose its sheltering power to protect his
"person, and in an Epistle to Friends in some
"of the West India Islands, when the Governor
"had desired them to take a part in keeping up a watch to
"protect from incursions, and had granted
"them the privilege of doing so without
"carrying arms, he enters into an argument to
"show the propriety of their complying;
"and enjoins them faithfully to perform
"this service, and report to the Magistrates
"all cases of offence that they may discover,
"in order that the offenders may be arrested
"in their course and Punished."

In view of the many inconsistancies of professing christians, it is not to be admired at that so many honest hearted, well meaning persons, have become discouraged, and come to the conclusion that Christianity is a failure and a farce.

Now, with my best wishes, and a hearty God Speed in the Glorious cause of Peace, I bid thee an affectionate farwell, and remain thy friend, Joseph Carpenter

Note-
This is Friend Joseph- referred to by Lydia M Child in a recent number of the Anti Slavery Standard
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Jos. Carpenter
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